

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Brian M. Dugan on 2/27/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 5 -- , now US Patent No 6,746,544, --" has been inserted after "2001".

NB4/1607 On page 1, line 8¹⁶ -- , now US Patent No 6,328,814, --" has been inserted after "1999".

In the claims:

Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Claim 10 has been cancelled.

Claim 15 has been amended as follows: